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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: DALLE CARBONARE, M. Conf.: 6340
Appl. No.: 10/019,387 Group:
Filed: December 28, 2001 Examiner:
For: USE OF HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVES IN
PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS AND
BIOMATERIALS FOR THE PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT OF CUTANEOUS SCARS

PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT
SINCE REPLY WAS TIMELY FILED

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 2, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed March 6, 2003, which issued in connection with the above-identified application, this is a Petition to withdraw the "abandonment status" of the present application, since a Reply was timely filed on March 18, 2002. As evidence of the fact that a Reply was timely filed, enclosed herewith are the following:

- a copy of the Reply filed March 18, 2002; and
- a copy of the postcard receipt which was date-stamped on March 26, 2002.

It is requested that the abandonment status of the present application be immediately removed so that prosecution may resume with full consideration and entry into the record of the timely filed Reply.

If the U.S. Patent Examiner has any questions regarding the above matters, please contact Applicants' representative, Leonard R. Svensson, at the phone number listed below.

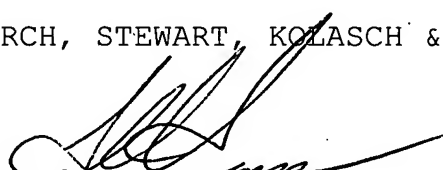
It is submitted that no fees are required for filing this Petition, since the error occurred because of a mistake on the part of the USPTO.

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Respectfully submitted,

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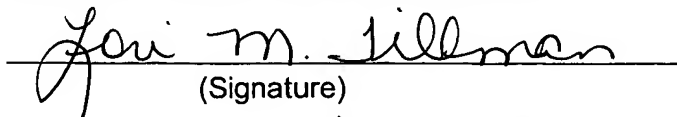
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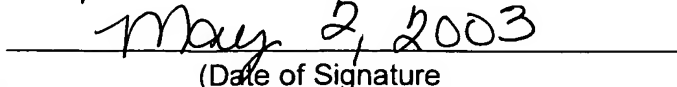
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